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Base Realignment and Closure
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**COMMENTS ON INFORMATION PACKAGE, STAINED AREA AT FORMER RAILROAD
LOADING DOCK AT AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH ANOMALY, APHO 122, FORMER MARINE
CORPS AIR STATION, EL TORO, SWRCB GEOTRACKER ID: T0605964530**


Dear Mr. Newton:

We have reviewed the above referenced document, dated November 11, 2005, which we received on November 14, 2005. We have the following comments:

The above referenced site is an extremely small release of essentially motor oil, contaminated with metals: arsenic, copper, lead, and zinc. The site is located within the ballast of a railroad siding, which is no longer in use. Due to the nature of the principle contaminant, motor oil, this release site is likely not a threat to surface water quality and is not a threat to groundwater quality or its beneficial uses. As we understand the future development plans for this property, a railroad siding is not consistent with the expected land use. It is very likely that in the future, the railroad siding will be removed. We do not believe that the release identified above is significant enough to warrant corrective action at this time. The soil in the area that has been affected by motor oil can be removed, along with the rails and ballast, at a future time.

For any questions, please call me at (951) 782-4494, or send email to jbroderick@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,


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